

REMARKS

Claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Amano et al. (US 5,685,080). Claims 1-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Juratovac et al. (US Des.408,246) in view of Amano et al. (US 5,685,080). The examiner is requested to reconsider these rejections.

Claim 1 has been amended above to clarify applicant's claimed invention. In particular, claim 1 claims that the battery is located on the frame to provide a front-to-rear chain saw center-of-gravity located at least partially beneath and at least partially in front of the front handle. The features of claim 1 are not disclosed or suggested in the art of record. Therefore, claim 1 is patentable and should be allowed.

Though dependent claims 2-5 and 7-9 contain their own allowable subject matter, these claims should at least be allowable due to their dependence from allowable claim 1. However, to expedite prosecution at this time, no further comment will be made.

Claim 6 has been converted from a dependent claim to an independent claim. This change in form does not narrow or limit the scope of the original claim. Claim 6 claims that the battery is located at a position on the frame proximate the front handle to provide a front-to-rear chain saw center-of-gravity located proximate the front handle, and that the battery is removably connected to the frame proximate a section of the housing which houses the electric motor at least partially behind the electric motor. This combination

of features is not disclosed or suggested in the art of record. Therefore, claim 6 is patentable and should be allowed.

Claim 10 has not been amended. Claim 10 claims that a power pack coupled to the electric motor, wherein the power pack is removably connected to the frame proximate a lateral side of the frame proximate the front handle. Juratovac et al. is merely a design patent. There is no suggestion of where the battery is located. The suggestion to locate the battery "proximate a lateral side of the frame proximate the front handle" only comes after reading the present patent application. Juratovac et al. is totally silent as to where the battery is located. The oval part shown in Juratovac et al could be part of the housing for the motor; not part of the housing for the battery. Furthermore, there is no suggestion to modify Juratovac et al. to provide a **removable** battery (because Juratovac et al. does not disclose or suggest where the battery is located); much less having the battery removably connected to the frame at the specific location proximate a lateral side of the frame proximate the front handle. Amano et al. discloses a removable battery, but there appears to be no suggestion to make the battery in Juratovac et al. removable because, among other things, it is uncertain where the battery in Juratovac et al. is located. The features of claim 10 are not disclosed or suggested in the art of record. Therefore, claim 10 is patentable and should be allowed.

Though dependent claims 11-19 contain their own allowable subject matter, these claims should at least be allowable due

to their dependence from allowable claim 10. For example, claim 14 claims that the battery receiving area is located beneath the front handle. However, to expedite prosecution at this time, no further comment will be made.

Claim 20 has not been amended. Claim 20 claims that the power pack is removably connected to the frame, wherein the power pack is located spaced from a front-to-rear centerline of the frame located along the chain bar, and wherein the power pack comprises an electrical coupling side which is not located on a lateral side of the power pack. There is no disclosure or suggestion of these features in the cited art. Nowhere in Juratovac et al. or Amano et al. is there a disclosure or suggestion of a power pack which is removably connected to the frame, wherein the power pack is located spaced from a front-to-rear centerline of the frame located along the chain bar, and wherein the power pack comprises an electrical coupling side which is not located on a lateral side of the power pack. Amano et al. discloses a battery which is aligned with the front-to-rear centerline of the frame; not spaced from the centerline. Juratovac et al. does not disclose or suggest where the battery is located; much less that the battery is located spaced from a front-to-rear centerline of the frame located along the chain bar. Nor do either of the cited references disclose or suggest a removable battery having an electrical coupling side which is not located on a lateral side of the power pack in combination with the battery being located spaced from a front-to-rear centerline of the frame located along the chain bar. The features of claim 20 are not

disclosed or suggested in the art of record. Therefore, claim 20 is patentable and should be allowed.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issue remain, the examiner is invited to call applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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